(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter is under finalisation.

Power theft

1935. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of power theft in different States during the last one year, if so, the value of the electricity stolen;

(b) the measures Government have taken/propose to take to check power thefts;

(c) whether World Bank has also drawn Government's attetnion towards this State of affairs; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a) No, Sir. State Governments/SEBs make assessment in the their respective states.

(b) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued by Central Electricity Authority to the Power Utilities for reducing Transmission and Distribution losses. These include measures for reducing power theft vis-a-vis installing tamperproof meter boxes, intensifying surprise raids and launching prosecution against the persons found indulging in theft of energy. The theft of energy has been made a cognizable offence from August, 1986 under the provisions of Section 39 of Indian Electricity Act, 1910. An Incentive Scheme was also introduced by the Government of India amnog the State Electricity Boards, Electricity Departmnts etc. from the year 1987 for bringing about reduction in the Transmission & Distribution losses.

(c) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (c) above, question dose not arise.

Panadharo Lignite Power Plant

1036. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of power generated by the Panadharo Lignite Power Plant in Kutch district of Gujarat during each of last three years.

(b) wheher the total quantum of power generated was sufficient for Gujarat and Maharashtra.

(c) whether some foreign countries and NRIs are seeking investment in the Lignite Power project to boost its power generating capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof. and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a) The Quantum of power generated by Panadharo Lignite power Plant of Kutch district of Gujarat State during last three years is as given below:—

Year	Energy Generated (MU)
1991-92 . . .	424
1992-93 . . .	557
1993-94 . . .	668

(b) During the years 1991-92, 1992-93 & 1993-94, power supply position in Gujarat and Maharashtra is given as under:—

(Figures in MU net)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Gujarat :			
Requirement	25505	26500	29860
Availability	24417	25712	28502
Shortage	1088	788	1358
%	4.3	3.0	4.5
All India %Shortage	7.8	8.3	7.3
Maharashtra			
Requirement	42070	43970	44895
Availability	40166	41387	43514
Shortage	1904	2583	1381
%	4.5	5.9	3.1
All India % Shortage	7.8	9.3	7.3

(c) to (e) Gujarat Power Corporating Ltd. have invited offers for setting up of 3 Lignite based thermal power stations at Mangrol in Surat District, Ghoga in Bhavnagar District, Akirimota in Kutch District in the private sector. some foreign companies have shown their interest to set up these projects.

Received norms for private sector power projects

1037. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN:: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have revised the depreciation, operation and maintenance norms for private sector power projects;

(b) the proposed rate of depreciation for thermal projects and coal based thermal power projects for debt redemption;

(c) the details of norms laid down by Government to restrict the return on equity and O & M expenditure of the contract coast; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to promote additional investments in the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rates of depreciation for different assets vary according to the type of the asset and its life.

(c) The return on equity have been fixed at 16 per cent normative operating level of 68.5 per cent PLF with an incentive of upto 0.7 per cent extra Return on Equity for each 1 per cent increase in PLF over this normative PLF of 68.5 per cent O & M expenditure for the first full year after commissioning of the plant is to be calculated as a percentage of the actual capital expenditure on the basis of one of the following alternatives viz: (i) at 2 per cent of the actual expenditure provided in the PPA or (ii) or ceiling on actual expenditure or ceiling on capital expenditure provided in